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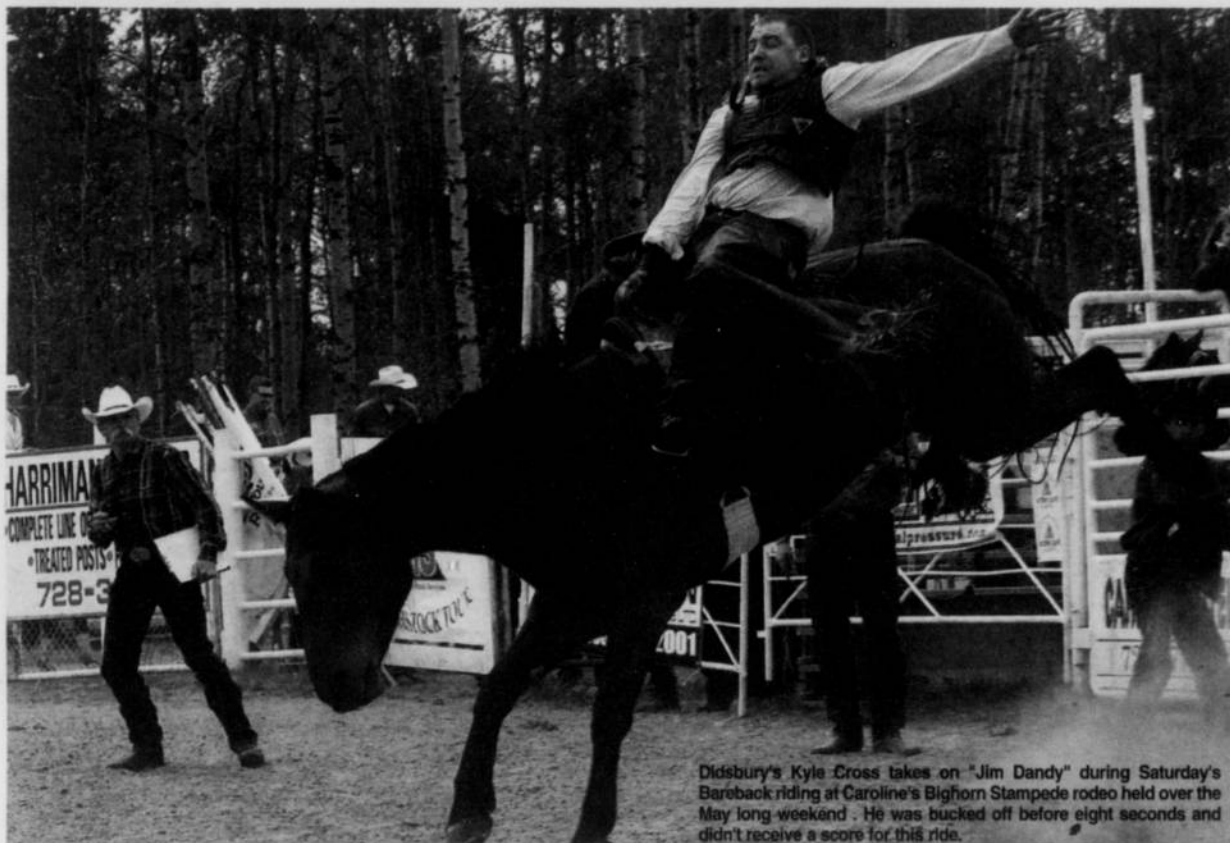
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Didsbury's Kyle Cross takes on "Jim Dandy" during Saturday's Bareback riding at Caroline's Bighorn Stampede rodeo held over the May long-weekend. He was bucked off before eight seconds and didn't receive a score for this ride.

Dan McGeady/Mountain View Publishing

## Drowning investigation continues

BY TODD W. HURMAN  
MVP staff

The tragic drowning of a Carstairs boy over the May long weekend at the Olds Aquatic Centre has left a family heartbroken and Olds' town administration searching for answers.

Stuart Ray, director of community services, said his department is investigating how Jordan Neave, 8, drowned on May 20 despite there being two lifeguards on duty.

"We are looking to find out what happened. We need to know all about what's lead up to it, what caused the situation and gather as much information as is available," Ray said.

"There may be elements that nobody knows because nobody witnessed it or whatever. So what we are hoping to do is discover what transpired in the full event."

Town administration is also waiting for results from Neave's autopsy done last Tuesday.

Neave was at the pool with his 10-year-old brother and his grandfather, who was reportedly not in the swimming area when Jordan was found, Ray said.

According to Ray, the senior lifeguard on duty pulled Neave out of about a metre-and-a-half of water, where he was spotted laying at the bottom by another child, and administered CPR until emergency personnel showed up.

Neave was rushed to Olds Hospital where he was declared dead.

Neave was reportedly wearing a lifejacket earlier because he was unable to meet the swimming requirements to play in the deep end of the pool which reaches a maximum of just over three metres.

In order for anyone to swim in the deep end unattended, a full length of the pool must be swam non-stop.

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## Altalink in Didsbury on media campaign

BY JODI STYNER  
Didsbury Review

Two members of Altalink's Law and Public Affairs department will be in Didsbury today to speak with the media about the power giant's proposed 330-kilometre, 500-kilovolt power-line.

"We're in the area and we just want to touch base and meet face-to-face," said Holly Kerr, who will be accompanied by division VP Leigh Clark.

"It's an introductory thing, to keep you up-to-date and make sure you have all of the information you need."

Rob Notley, an Olds-area farmer who would be affected by the plan, said he thinks the media visit is a ploy by Altalink to garner media support.

"Everything they say may be true or it may not," he said. "There have been discrepancies in their media campaign."

Notley is one of 1,000 Alberta landowners comprising the United Power Transmission Area Groups (UPTAG), a group that formed in January in opposition to Altalink's plan.

UPTAG is busy putting together presentations for a hearing with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) this summer.

The original meeting was scheduled for June 19, but UPTAG was granted an extension

in order to gather evidence to support its case against the project, which could potentially affect 2,500 landowners.

"We want to make sure that people had enough time to get the information together to make sure that they were able to make a fair and decent representation at the hearing," said EUB spokesperson Bill Curran.

**"Everything they say may be true or it may not. There have been discrepancies in their media campaign."**

ROB NOTLEY,  
landowner

The meeting will now take place July 31.

Notley said the extension brought them one step closer to their goal of halting the build, but that the crunch is still on.

"They (Altalink) have people committed to this five days a week and they have all kinds of resources behind them," he said.

"We're all really busy right now, with crops and everything, so this time deadline has made it difficult to coordinate, but we've got lots of people working on it because there are lots of people affected by it."

Notley said Didsbury's Glenn Smith has been one of the busiest members working to prepare the presentation.

"I really admire how much time and effort he's put into this," he said.

"Lots of things are going to come out at the hearing that show (Altalink) has not done things in the best of everyone's interests."

Altalink has proposed a payment increase to the would-be affected landowners by nearly 600 per cent above the current rate, but UPTAG said the proposal ignored more important issues.

"I just think this is a red herring to give the people of Alberta the belief that the landowners are greedy and want more money," Anthony Heinrich, chair of UPTAG, told Mountain View Gazette earlier this year.

"This is only one of several issues brought to their attention and they are choosing this one topic to address other issues that were far more critical that have not been mentioned."

Earlier this month the EUB decided it would review the corridor for the proposed line.

Altalink said the review will run concurrently with their consultation process with landowners and they will respect UPTAG's right to present evidence to the EUB in July.

Today's media meeting will not include discussions with landowners or Town officials.

-with files from Todd Hurman.

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RCMP are continuing to identify victims and witnesses after arresting a driver on the QEII for dangerous operation of a vehicle near Innisfail.

On the afternoon of May 19, five complaints were received by the Innisfail RCMP Traffic Service of a northbound white sports car travelling at high speed and passing numerous vehicles on the shoulder of the road and exit ramps.

Police arrested 20-year-old Duong Thi Thuy Nguyen of Calgary for Dangerous Operation of a Motor vehicle under the Criminal Code and Careless Driving and Speed over Posted Limit under the Traffic Safety Act. The accused is set to appear in Red Deer Court June 16.

Innisfail RCMP are asking for the public's assistance in their investigation. If you witnessed any incidents on the QEII highway between 3:20 and 4 p.m. on Friday, May 19 involving a small white car, please call the Innisfail Freeway Patrol at (403) 227-3342.

### Single vehicle rollover caused by reckless drivers

Police are requesting the public's assistance in locating the vehicles and drivers responsible for causing a collision on the QEII near the Olds overpass May 21.

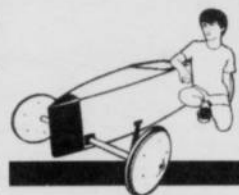
Innisfail Freeway Patrol was called to the scene of a single vehicle rollover approximately four kms north of the Hwy. 27 overpass on the QEII at around noon that day.

Upon arrival at the scene the Red 2005 Toyota Corolla was upside down in the southbound fast lane. The four occupants of the vehicle were in the grass median being treated by EMS personnel.

Police investigation has revealed that the vehicle was cut off by a black Hummer that was reportedly racing with another black-colored SUV, possibly a Toyota 4 Runner. The suspect black Hummer and black SUV appeared to have been driving recklessly according to several witnesses.

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# Police college selection process 'flawed'

BY TODD W. HURMAN  
Olds Albertan

An Olds town councillor is calling the selection process for the province's police college 'flawed' after Olds was cut from the potential list of communities earlier this month.

Counc. Kris Bojda, who helped spearhead the project, said he is frustrated because the Town spent a great deal of time and effort only to have the Solicitor General's Office decline the Town's Request For Procurement (RFP) proposal based on missing financial information.

"The reason why we got taken out of the running, in my opinion was such a trivial matter, that it questions the process itself," Bojda said.

"It's like you put in the best report you ever handed in, you forgot to sign your name and you get an 'E'."

Town administration was informed May 16 by phone from the Solicitor General's Office that Olds was eliminated along with 10 other communities.

However, a message was reportedly left on Mayor Judy Dahl's voice mail.

The Mayor told the Calgary Herald last week that she "had no hard feelings" against the province, but she said, "We just think the process was very unethical for the release of their decision."

A formal letter was faxed to Mayor Dahl last week and even though the mayor is disappointed Olds was cut from the running for the massive police training centre, she said Olds still has plenty to look forward to as a community.

"It's OK because in my opinion we are a blessed community starting with a new \$52 million CLC project, so let's shake (the province's) hands and appreciate what we have and work towards the success of other things like our library expansion and community facility that the Ag Society's building."

However, Dale Withage, Olds' chief administrative officer, said the RFP process was very difficult from the outset and ambiguous at points, especially the financial requirements.

"In the strictest sense of the word, we didn't provide some mandatory information, but that was also an area of the RFP that we didn't find very clear and I had talked to the

Solicitor General's Office and I had been left with a different interpretation on the requirement for that information that they are now saying we should have been doing.

"There were a number of times I phoned the Solicitor General's Office looking for clarifications for things and most of the time when I asked them well are you going to pull that together, they said 'No. Based on RFP you have to put it together as best you can,'" Withage said.

"So it was very difficult to give them really concrete answers to what they were looking for because they couldn't figure it out. It's still a concept."

The province has yet to commit the money for the project but once built the facility is expected to train 400 police recruits annually, as well as 1,000 other law enforcement officers of varying degrees.

A spokesperson for the Solicitor General's Office said it's understandable there is disappointment from town officials, but said it is going to happen with every community not chosen for the college.

"Indeed, we understand it is a great loss for any community to be eliminated, but at the end of the day there will only be one location selected, so there will be many more eliminated through this process," she said, adding that her department felt it was more appropriate to have someone call first and let them know that a formal rejection letter was coming.

Bidniak also said if the town isn't happy with the reasons behind the decision, it can appeal to the selection committee.

Dahl said the Town will not be appealing the decision but didn't elaborate why. Besides Olds, Medicine Hat, Lacombe, Wainwright, Beaver County, Edmonton, Leduc, Drayton Valley, Wetaskiwin and Empress were also eliminated.

Communities still in the running are Athabasca, Camrose, Drumheller, Fairview, Fort Macleod, Grande Prairie, High Level, Lac La Biche, Lethbridge, Mayerthorpe, Northern Lakes College, Penhold, Provost, Red Deer County, St. Paul, Three Hills, Westlock, Stettler and Rocky Mountain House.

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## EDITORIAL &amp; OPINION

Greetings  
Didsbury

If you see a nosey stranger prowling around town with a pen, paper and camera, please don't be alarmed. It's probably just me - the new editor here at the Review.

I'm actually not completely new to the area. I was born in Innisfail and lived there for seven years before relocating to Calgary, then Cremona, Cochrane and now Dogpound.

My first newspaper stint was as a summer intern at the Sundre Roundup in 2003. From there I moved into TV, interning with MTV Canada, before my studies led me on three international exchanges.

The first was in Guadalajara, Mexico where I filmed a short documentary.

Then in 2004, I spent a summer in Hong Kong learning about globalization and how to dodge eye-level umbrellas.

Finally, I headed down to the University of Iowa to focus on print journalism.

The morning after returning from Iowa, I was offered my first post-college job with the Olds Albertan and soon found myself back in my Central Alberta home base.

I loved my job. I was working with the most fabulous group of people anyone could ask for and the citizens of Olds were quick to welcome me to their community. I was hooked, but was once again taken away when an opportunity came up to return to Hong Kong to teach.

It was an incredible nine-month experience, full of adventures, but I missed my family, friends and dog, and I longed for Alberta's big sky.

So here I am in the beautiful town of Didsbury, working with some great old faces - and lovely new ones too - and planning to stick around for a while.

Thank you for the very warm welcome I've received so far.

It's good to be back!



## YOUR LETTERS

## Show 'n' Shine loses lustre

## RE: THE SHOW 'N' SHINE

I really enjoyed the Show 'n' Shine this year, but I don't agree with Carla Victor's take on it. According to the caption on the front page of May 16th's paper, it said that there were record crowds this year. My understanding was that there were approximately 100 fewer

cars entered into the Show 'n' Shine as compared to last year, and that the numbers were also down last year from the year before. There were also less "pedestrian" traffic from what I and others observed. These numbers are not trackable since there is no fee and therefore no numbers associated with it.

Also, on page 9 it states that the new location was a hit, but that was never truly established. At the end of the show when they were presenting awards, the announcer asked whether everyone liked the new location. While there was applause, I would have to say that less than half of the people present applauded. Had the announcer asked the opposing question, I wonder what the response would have been.

There were both positive and negative comments both at the Show 'n' Shine, outside and for days afterward. Positive comments included items such as "it was nice to be able to spread out" and "even though we get to spread out, we are still all in the same area instead of up and down side streets," not to mention that "it was nice to be able to sit out on the grass." However, there were

also several negative comments such as "it was inconvenient," "many of the seniors were afraid to go out there because the ground is uneven and therefore dangerous for them" and "at least downtown there was something else to do" (that last comment was the most common comment I heard).

Finally, the biggest problem with the Show 'n' Shine was how it affected our business community. While a select few businesses reported good sales, many of the businesses that count on the sales they get during the Show 'n' Shine, that being one of the higher sales days of the year, found that sales were extremely low in comparison with previous years. It also meant the closure of the Golf Course, which means loss of revenue for them as well.

Whether the Butte is the new permanent location for the Show 'n' Shine has yet to be seen. I think before the next one occurs, they need to evaluate whether or not it is indeed the best location.

Just my opinion.

Shyla Nickerson

## Age old parking problem

As I become older, some things never cease to amaze me. For instance, at the post office yesterday, I ran into a geriatric bully that had the very same attitude that I encountered when I was much younger.

However, some of the rules have changed; perhaps it wasn't too bad to see someone that age with so much fire left in them. And certainly with him being the age that he was, I am going to go on the assumption that he forgot of got twisted around with the expression for you to pick on someone your own size. It isn't pick on a person twice your size, and get in their face when in reality you were in my neck!

Although I would never have physically attacked you, I instantly recognized that with your wispy stature and state of mind, that it would have been very embarrassing for your grandchildren to have to bail you out of jail, and to get your cute little "Tracker" towed, so I let you get away with your small-minded crap. You didn't make my day miserable or ruin it and I don't feel sorry for you. You might want to get your eyes examined though and find that the issue you presented of poor parking may fix itself.

Sincerely,

Karen Boulay

We, in our small town recognize the crises we are in, regarding our medical situation. With our growing population we have only two doctors in town. This puts a terrific amount of stress on our medical staffs.

When we realize that our doctors are at the hospital at 8:00 am each morning in emergency, and then are

required to go and see to their patients in their offices; and are required to be on call which demands they remain at the hospital all night, with little or sometimes no sleep, we need to show all the consideration and patience we can, in order to be an encouragement to both the doctors and their receptionists.

Let us not murmur or complain, but rather do all we can to help make the best of a difficult situation until things ease up, which we believe they will. Let us not have expectations that at this time cannot be met, and let us remember to keep them in prayer.

Margaret Fradley  
Didsbury, Alberta

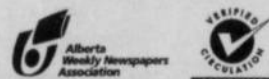
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# Drowning investigation continues

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The young boy reportedly removed the lifejacket to ride the waterslide, Ray said.

There were only 44 people in the pool at the time of the accident.

The industry standard is one lifeguard to 75 people, but Ray said the pool uses two lifeguards regardless.

Ray, along with Mayor Judy Dahl, backed up the abilities of the two lifeguards, who had about seven years combined experience between the two of them.

"I really do have faith in our staff, I know how they work, I swim at the pool and we have had a lot of comments from people that were at the incident that they felt that things were done in the right manner," Dahl said.

Doug Wagstaff, Ward 7 representative for Chinook's Edge School Division and president of the Olds Rapids' swim club, agreed with the Mayor's comments.

"It is a tragic event and it is unfortunate, but we have great confidence in the pool and the staff that are working there," Wagstaff said.

"Our kids are swimming there under their supervision every single day and we see how hard they are working and what they are doing."

Ray said all the proper procedures were followed by the lifeguards during the incident, however, his department and pool staff is reviewing policies just as it did in February 2003 after the near-drowning of a six-year-old boy.

"This does prompt (us) to take a more critical look because, yes we have a good system in place but maybe it's not as good as it could be," Ray said.

"You want to make sure whatever you have there works for your situation and environment because every pool is different."

Ray said informing swimmers of the rules at the aquatic centre is something staff felt was an area that needed improvement.

While Neave's death has been a devastating blow to the entire community, Ray said accidents at the pool are more common than most think.

"It's tough to say that. But that's the world that we live in. ... But it's not just in Olds either," he said.

Thirty-four people died in Alberta in 2004 from water-related accidents. Six of those occurred from swimming in a lake or pool.

From January to May of this year, Ray said about a dozen incidents occurred where people ranging from four- to 67-years-old needed help out of the pool.

"A lot of it depends on the child's ability to swim. There are some six-year-olds that can swim six lengths of the swimming pool end-to-end and never touch the bottom and they are little fishes."

"There are others who are 12 that can't swim half a length and would be in distress, so age is not always the determining factor. There are a lot of adults that can't swim," he said.

Swimmers also have to know their limits as well, Ray added.

"For the most part, it is the responsibility of both sides. It is the responsibilities of the swimmers to recognize where their limits are - and for children that is always hard - and that's why we want parents to be there or someone who can provide assistance more than just us."

Attempts for comment from Neave's family were declined.

Results from last Tuesday's autopsy are expected within two weeks, Olds RCMP said.

# Community rallies in support

BY FAYE BAYKO  
Olds Albertan

The tragic drowning of eight-year-old Jordan Neave at the Olds Aquatic Centre May 20 has pulled a small Central Alberta town together to protect and assist its own.

The Carstairs Elks and Lions clubs have each contributed to the growing financial support being gathered.

A donation box was set up at the Carstairs Golf Club and town employees contributed through their social fund while at least two local churches have also assisted.

"I even applied to the Alberta (Elks) association and they contributed as well," said Ron Durrant, Olds Elks club. "We have an emergency fund we can use."

The money will assist with expenses, funeral or otherwise, said Carl McDonnell,

chief administrative officer. "I think the community's really rallying around them and everyone's drawing support off of each other."

Lance Colby, mayor of Carstairs, agreed. "The community's supportive in any way possible. Everybody's aware of how sad this event is."

A memorial service was held at the Church of God in Carstairs the afternoon of May 29.

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## PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES:

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, June 6 & 20, 2006 Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

### NOTICE:

Administration Office Closed 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on June 9, 2006

### MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, June 7 & 28, 2006 - Council Chambers, 4:30 pm

### LIFELINE SOCIETY MEETING:

Monday, June 12, 2006 - Council Chambers, 10:00 am

## NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 70-06	58 Valarosa Drive	Accessory Building	R1
DP 71-06	1533 - 21 Avenue	Duplex with accessory buildings	R2
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DP 73-06	1195 Kildeer Close	Single Family Dwelling with conditions	R2
DP 74-06	214 Morris Place	Single Family Dwelling with waiver/conditions	R2
HO 03-06	10 Westhill Drive	Home Occupation-Hair Salon with condition	R1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing with the appropriate fees to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on June 13, 2006. Robert Wigg, Development Officer

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The Town of Didsbury would like to acknowledge and thank the students, staff & administration of Didsbury High School for the clean-up they did around the Town on May 24th.

## NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS



With the warm wet weather now here, please remember to keep your lawn cut as to try to keep weeds down to a minimum. Not all people like using a weed spray so cutting the lawn will help. Keeping your lawn cut will also help keep the mosquitoes down as well. The Town of Didsbury does have a bylaw to keep your lawn cut as to not be unsightly. Thank you for your assistance in keeping Didsbury looking great!

## SPORTS

## Dragons go international

BY JODI STYNER  
Didsbury Review

A group of very excited Didsbury teens piled onto a bus early Friday morning to embark on a 2,000 km journey to the Cal-Cup field hockey competition in southern California.

"Psyched" was a common descriptor for how the girls felt, despite having to load up their equipment in the drizzling rain.

"Everyone's going ballistic," said third-year defence player Jaime Lawn.

Collectively, the 32 girls that comprise the Jr. and Sr. Dragons were one of only four squads representing Canada in the three-day international tournament.

When asked what she hoped the team would achieve at the Cal-cup, like any truly competitive athlete, Lawn said "to win", but added a delayed side-bar that she also hoped she and her teammates would learn a lot from the experience.

Field hockey is a fairly young sport in Didsbury, born just three years ago out of coach Jenny Johnson's passion for the game.

Johnson played with the national women's team for six years, from 1998 to 2003, before taking a teaching job in Didsbury.

Most small-town schools offer only two outdoor sports to girls—softball and soccer—so Didsbury was provided a unique opportunity when Johnson came to town.

"I'm all for advances for female involvement in sport," she said. "Anything that keeps women involved in sport for as long as possible is good."

The third-year players laughed when reflecting back on the launch of the team.

Forward Alyssa Smith said they didn't have the traditional skirts and had to wear the school's volleyball uniforms in early competitions instead.

"I remember going to this tournament in

Calgary and everyone was like 'look at the hick town, they're no good' and we kicked their butts," she said.

Being the test-pilots for the sport in Didsbury, these girls have also earned bragging rights.

"In 10 years from now we'll be able to say 'We were the first,'" said Smith.

Fourteen girls tried out that first year. By the next year the number nearly doubled to 27, and this year over 40 girls showed interest, so, for the first time, Johnson was forced to cut a few.

Didsbury now holds its own tournaments, bringing the Calgary talent north.

"We're showing them what Didsbury has to offer," said forward Jolene Shultz.

So what's the reason for the growth of the game in Didsbury?

Johnson said the sport is appealing because you don't have to be the fastest or tallest person to be good, and with 11 field positions everyone gets plenty of playing time.

"Also, I'm obviously very passionate about the sport, so I might be a little contagious, I don't know," she said.

She may be right. The senior girls gave a unanimous reason for why they love the sport.

"It's all Mrs. Johnson," said Shultz. "She's so positive and she makes it amazing."

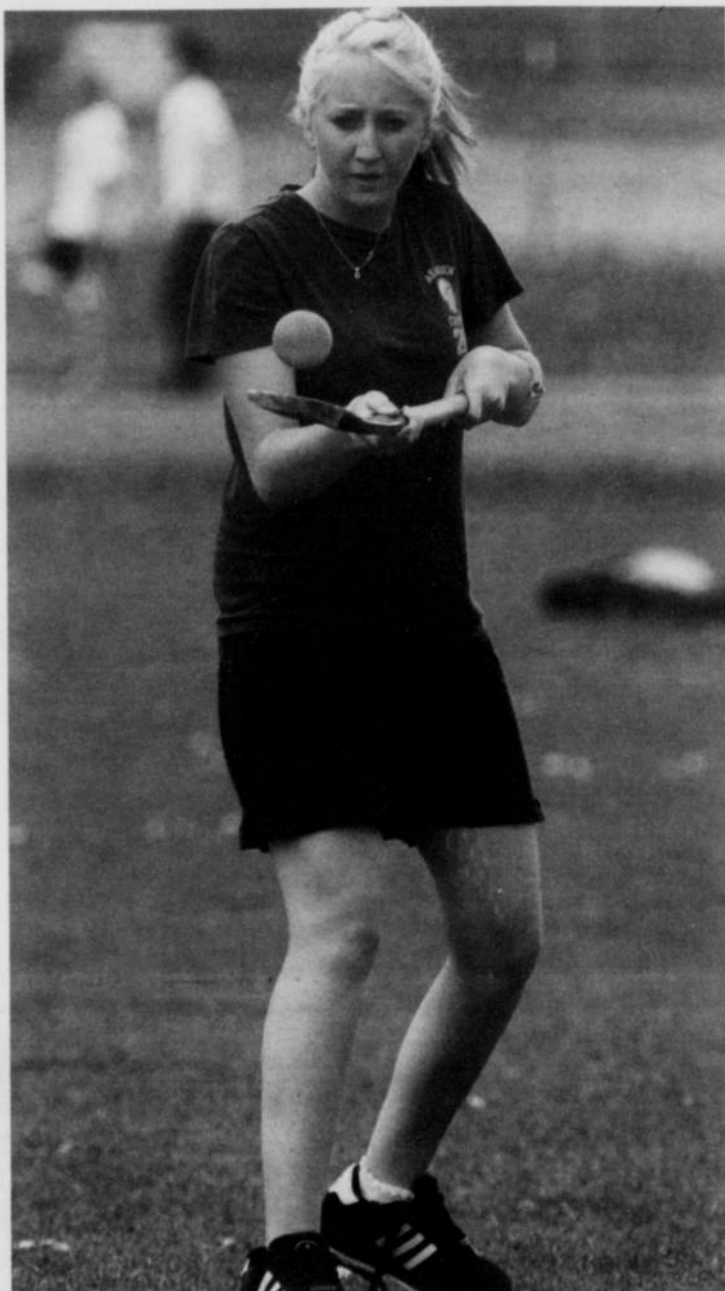
The team's success is another motivating factor helping to grow the sport.

"They came in 5th against some top 4-A schools in Calgary," Johnson said. "A 5th place finish for a little 2A school is great."

The girls return home from California Thursday and once the season comes to an end, a few of the girls will go on to try out for the Alberta Summer games.

Emma Harris and Chelsea Overwater will also try to clinch spots on the under 16 provincial team.

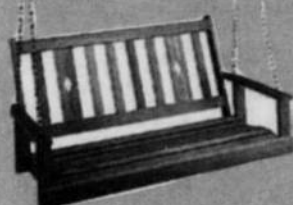
Not bad for a bunch of hicks.



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

**FIELD PRACTICE** – Didsbury High School field hockey player Jaime Lawn gets some practice before the team travelled to California for Cal-cup international tournament.

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## Ross Ford Elementary School

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Installation schedule for Ross Ford Elementary from Childspace:

	Installation schedule for Ross Ford Elementary from Childspace:		Details
	Date	Time	
Delivery of Unit	Friday June 2	Noon	
Layout of Playground	Friday	9:00am to 11:00am	9 to 12 people
Arrival of Augers	Friday	10:30am	Skim sites, auger holes
Construction	Friday	Noon to 2:00pm	20 to 30 people
	Friday	2:00pm to 8:00pm	60 to 80 people
	Saturday June 3	8:00am to 8:00pm	75 to 90 people
	Sunday June 4	8:00am to finish	60 to 80 people
Delivery of Resilient Material	Monday June 5		Will need volunteers or bobcats to spread throughout the site.



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**FAST TRACK** - Didsbury High school's intermediate boys 4x100 relay team took second place at the zone competition in Calgary last week (Left to right: Jonathan Lefebvre, Myles Faryna, Ryan Miller, Chris Lappala). Faryna also won both long jump and triple jump, clinching the aggregate title. The boys will take their talent north this Thursday for the provincial championships in Edmonton.

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**CRUISIN' FOR A CURE**— Left: Aaron Faryna shows off some shiny rims in the trunk of his 88 Oldsmobile to friend Mike Howden, Center: Brittany Watt and Laura Kary sit in one of the slickest rides in the show, Watt's grandpa's 1959 Cadillac, Right: Trent Uhrich pops a wheelie on his minibike. It's smaller than the size of an average bicycle tire, but it's got a smokin' motor.

Jodi Styner/Didsbury Review

## Revving up for Breast Cancer

*Didsburians are taking to the street to fight breast cancer, some on wheels and others on foot*

BY JODI STYNER  
Didsbury Review

Brittany Robertson, a Grade 11 student at Didsbury High school, organized her second successful show 'n' shine at

the school Friday to raise money for the breast cancer research.

Robertson started the event last year as a leadership project, charging anyone who wished to enter a vehicle \$5.

"It's something we could

do for a good cause and my aunt, who is also a secretary here had breast cancer, so it's a way to show we care," she said.

The cars that drew the biggest crowds this year seemed to be more revered for their loud stereo sys-

tems than their aesthetic value.

But others, like Brittany Watt's grandfather's 1959 fuchsia and white Cadillac, were classic hits.

The event raised over \$4,000.

Lora Lowther, Didsbury,

is taking part in another second annual event for breast cancer, but this one involves rubber on soles, not tires.

Lowther will walk in the 60-km Weekend to End Breast Cancer (WEBC) this summer in Calgary.

"I just saw the ads on TV and decided it's something I could do," she said.

"There are lots of people who can't walk, but I can so I will."

She is just \$400 short of her \$2,000 fundraising requirement.

"It hasn't been difficult to raise the money. People have been really generous," said Lowther.

She said if all goes well, she'll make a repeat effort at next year's walk.

"I've heard horror stories, you know, of blisters and stuff, but in a year you'll have forgotten about that."

The first WEBC was the single largest breast cancer fundraising event in Alberta's history, with over 2,000 participants and 1,000 volunteers raising \$5 million for research and screening programs.

The money helped set up a mobile screening program that travels to 140 rural Alberta sites, including the Olds-Didsbury area.

Linda Mickelson, CEO of Alberta Cancer Foundation, said lack of access to screening pro-

grams is the biggest thing holding rural citizens back.

"If you live in a small town and have to travel (to get tested) and you're healthy, you say, 'oh, I'm fine, I don't need to get checked out,'" she said. "If you're sick you'll travel because you need to, but when you're healthy it's easy to put it off."

Mickelson said she loves when small communities get involved in finding a cure because it affects everyone, no matter where they're from.

"We all know someone, whether it's a co-worker, a friend or a family member," said Mickelson, whose sister has fought with breast cancer. "Wouldn't it be great if our children and grandchildren didn't have to worry about this disease? That's the ultimate goal."

She said fundraisers like WEBC are important because it's a challenge for researchers to find funds they can count on.

"It's one thing to get a small grant, but once it runs out, that's it, they have to start looking for more money," she said.

"So it's nice for us to be able to say you can count on us for future initiatives."

The race has promised \$20 million over the next few years to researchers, so they can plan ahead with new programs.



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

**ORGAN DONORS** — Albert Peters tickles the ivories of a pump organ donated by his family to the Didsbury Museum while cousins Roland Wiebe and Frank Neufeld look on. The organ was purchased by the men's grandparents in 1917, and had been sitting in storage at Weebe's house in Penticton for years until they decided it would be more at home in the museum.



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# Resource revenue battle heating up

BY DAN SINGLETON  
MVG Staff

The Klein government is prepared to vigorously attack any attempt by the Harper Tories to grab Alberta's resource revenues, according to central Alberta Conservative MLAs.

Richard Marz, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA, and Luke Ouellette, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake MLA, say the federal government will have a fight on its

hands if it tries to scoop up Alberta's oil and gas royalties.

Last week, Premier Ralph Klein said his government would consider pulling the province out of the national equalization program if energy resource revenue is included in the new formula.

"We will fight it tooth and nail," Klein told reporters. "This is a political showdown, but this is also a constitutional issue."

Alberta's resource revenues last year totalled

\$14.5 billion.

"It's Albertans' money," said Ouellette. "The resource revenue belongs to the people of the province. The reason our taxes are lower and everything else, isn't just strictly because of resource revenue, but of the good government policies that this government has had."

"We've made the sacrifices of getting ourselves out of debt. Do you want to reward bad management

and take away from good management to make everybody equal? That doesn't really sound like a conservative policy to me."

"I would think that no matter what you do, whether you're a reporter or janitor or lawyer or doctor, you know the difference between good management and bad management."

Alberta already transfers more than \$10 billion a year to federal equalization, he said.

"You've got to know that Albertans definitely give

their share, if not more," Ouellette said.

Alberta should take whatever actions are needed to defend Alberta's resources and revenue generated through them, said MLA Marz.

"I'm behind (Klein) all the way and I'm sure he has the support of the whole caucus on that one," said Marz. "I think we should take legal action or any action, whatever it takes, to defend that."

"I think we should have the other provinces fight with us as well, if neces-

sary. It could affect them too, a province like Saskatchewan and B.C. I'm sure we're going to have some allies in this one if needed be."

A report was recently prepared for the federal government calling for 50 per cent of resource revenues to be included in the calculation of equalization, according to Canadian Press.

The province has said it is willing to accept a proposed 10-province standard for a new equalization plan, but doesn't want resource revenues included because that would increase the size of the fiscal pie paid to "have-not" provinces.

Equalization is currently calculated on a five-province model that is drawn from Ontario, Quebec, B.C., Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Wild Rose Conservative MP Myron Thompson says he joins Alberta MLAs in opposing any move to take away the province's resource revenues.

"I don't know where Ralph Klein got the idea that that was going to happen, but I certainly join him in opposing any efforts in that regard," Thompson said Thursday. "It is something I will be following up when I get back to Ottawa next week. She's going to be topic number one."

Red Deer MP Bob Mills echoed Thompson's comments.

"I would agree with what the premier says that obviously resource revenues have not been part of the transfer program and they never should be," said Mills. "I would go so far as to say it would be the most damaging thing that could ever happen to Canada, for that to ever be considered."

"That's just a no-go area and that goes without saying. While I'm the federal representative, from my point of view I represent the constituency of Red Deer and I represent central Alberta and Alberta as well, so I would fight tooth and nail over that one."

The Harper government is not considering including resource revenues in the equalization program, he said.

"There was a report that someone put out and obviously the media is responding to it, but there has been no official response to it and I would go so far as to say that's not even being considered," he said.

Harper told reporters on Friday, "I think we need to be clear, equalization is not an Alberta program or an Ontario program. Equalization is a strictly federal program."

However, economists across the province have said Klein's fears are unfounded and that Alberta's resource revenues wouldn't be affected because equalization is paid for through federal taxation not "tax grabs."



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# Innisfail to lead regional wastewater committee

BY DAN MCGEADY  
MVG Staff

At a meeting of Central Alberta municipalities in Red Deer Monday, May 24, it was decided that Innisfail will spearhead the wastewater planning project.

"Right now we are in the feeling out process," said Innisfail's director of operations Tim Ainscough.

"We aren't sure where the \$400 million for the project will come from yet. I believe Alberta Environment is in favour of it, but we have to wait and see."

They met in Red Deer to discuss the possibility of constructing a regional wastewater system that would reach as far south as Crossfield and would cover an area encompassing Olds, Ponoka, Innisfail, Sylvan Lake and Lacombe.

Innisfail's council plans to apply for provincial funding for the project, which is estimated to cost between \$325 and \$395 million according to a feasibility study prepared by Stantec Consulting.

This comes on the heels of a report from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation which encouraged municipalities to begin planning for upgraded wastewater treatment upgrades. They had offered to fund up to 90 per cent of

the total cost - but where exactly the money will come from is still in limbo.

"The tools are in hands of the local elected officials to make their case for funding by the province and get organized," said Innisfail's mayor, Ken Graham.

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation refused to comment on the project until an application had been received and vetted.

But spokesperson Trent Bancarz pointed out the province has already allocated \$54-million for regional water/wastewater projects this year.

"We haven't received an application from the (C.A.) commission yet, but a project such as this, that covers a regional area, would certainly be eligible for funding," he said.

The project calls for a

regional treatment plant downstream from Red Deer. It will receive tertiary treatment which includes exposing the wastewater to ultraviolet light, which kills microbacteria before the water is discharged into the river.

According to Ainscough, there is still a lot of work to be done before the project can get much further. He said that now the 10-member steering committee is in place, they have to create a regional commission like structure, complete engineering refinements and secure the funding.

The next general meeting is slated for September 27.

Innisfail is leading the charge because the community's wastewater treatment facility is close to the point where it may become a strain on the town.



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# MPs mum on upcoming same-sex RCMP marriage

Politicians say PM did not 'gag' them

BY DAN SINGLETON  
MVG Staff

Central Alberta Conservative MPs are declining to comment on the upcoming same-sex marriage of two male RCMP officers. However, both Wild Rose MP Myron

Thompson and Red Deer MP Bob Mills say their silence has nothing to do with a gag order reportedly issued by PM Stephen Harper regarding the matter.

"They don't gag me, I just don't have anything to say about it," Thompson said

Friday. "I have chosen not to comment, and no I haven't been gagged."

"What can I say? What's the difference if it's police or ordinary people, people are people. What they are doing is perfectly legal," said Thompson, who has long advocated the tradi-

tion definition of marriage between one man and one woman.

Constables Jason Tree and David Connor plan to marry in Nova Scotia next month.

Canadian Press reported Friday that Prime Minister Harper has told

Conservative MPs to make no comments on the case. Neither Mills nor Thompson would say whether they have received the gag order.

Mills said while he has no comment on the specific case, he reiterated his position that marriage should

be between a man and a woman only.

"I would have no reason to comment on that (case)," said Mills. "Obviously that's an issue that would be decided by individuals. I don't feel as a politician I need to enter into moral issues."

"I believe that marriage is between a man and a woman. For me it's a matter of the definition of the word 'marriage.' Social union has all the same rights."

The past Liberal government changed the definition of marriage to include same-sex marriage.

During the recent federal election, Tory MPs, including Thompson and Mills, said a Conservative government would change marriage back to its traditional definition. The government has not yet introduced legislation to carry through on that campaign promise.

"I'm still interested in seeing where we are going with the legislation. I'm waiting for that," said MP Thompson. "I have no idea when or how but it is going to be dealt with sooner or later, once and for all, I hope."

The Liberal opposition was quick to call the Harper gag order an indication of Conservative intolerance.

"It shows that Stephen Harper does not trust his own caucus to avoid social Neanderthalism on these issues," Liberal MP Scott Brison reportedly said.

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# The road to hell

**Crystal Meth has grabbed ahold of Central Alberta communities and now the government is fighting back**

BY JODI STYNER  
Didsbury Review

Marie was lying on the front lawn of an unknown house, flashing lights, paramedics and police whirling all around her. They were checking to see if she was still alive.

The 22-year-old Red Deer woman had just crashed hard from a "flyer"—a psychotic state of mind resulting from a four-day crystal meth binge—that lead her to hysterical paranoia and rage.

The voices in Marie's head told her she was on a death mission and she was out for blood—anybody's blood.

Armed with a machete, blood pumping wildly through her veins, Marie found a target. She bounded toward a stationary vehicle and attempted to open the car door, but the shocked driver quickly locked the doors and sped away.

Before Marie could zone in on another target, she hit the ground.

Her story is not unique. She's not a black sheep. In fact, Crystal meth has established itself as one of the largest growing problems in Central Alberta, with "cooks" and users right here in Didsbury.

"If we as a community don't get a hold of it, it will continue to grow," said Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer. "If you deny and ignore it you won't solve anything."

O'Dwyer pointed to cheap production and high profitability as one reason for the increase in recent meth reports in the area.

So why small-town Alberta?

DHS student Paula Overguard said she thinks Didsbury's location in the middle of the so-called "drug belt" makes buying and selling the drug convenient.

"When you're only 45 minutes either way to Red Deer and Calgary it makes it pretty easy."

Overguard has never tried the drug herself, but said she's heard rumours about other DHS kids using it, and she agrees with O'Dwyer that denial will only make the problem worse.

"You're not going to solve anything by saying, 'we don't have a drug problem in Didsbury or in the school.'"

But she was quick to add that she doesn't think the problem is any worse in Didsbury than it is elsewhere.

"Some people think it's a small town, so there's nothing else to do," she said. "But I think it's a reflection of our society in general."

In February 2005, police clamped down on the largest meth lab in the province to date on Cremona property being leased by two Calgary men.

RCMP from Didsbury, Olds, Red Deer, Edmonton and Calgary seized 10 kilograms of crystal meth worth approximately \$500,000 in the raid.

O'Dwyer said producers of the drug who are seeking a remote area because they think it's an easy place to lay low and hide the intense smell that's released when cooking the chemicals, may be mistaken.

In rural communities we tend to know who our neighbours are, so it can be more difficult to hide in some regards," he said.

Crystal meth can be taken orally, smoked, snorted or injected. Depending on the amount taken, the high can last up to 12 hours, far longer than a crack cocaine high which has a duration of about 30 minutes.

Meth is known as the "poor man's cocaine" because it is relatively simple and cheap to make and inexpensive to buy.

Meth cooks use commonly available chemicals and over-the-counter medications to produce the drug. They don't need much space or money to do it. A lab can literally be set up in under an hour in a space the size of a kitchen sink.

For the user who smokes or injects the drug, meth produces an immediate euphoric high. Many addicts have reported they became addicted after only a few uses.

Like many other drug addictions, meth ruins lives.

O'Dwyer said users may be unable to hold a job, and in order to support their habit, they often resort to further criminal acts.

"People who once functioned very well in the community are no longer able to function at all," he said.

When resources run out, addicts like Easy, also from Red Deer, get desperate.

"All I really care about is getting high," he said. "You get to the point where you are just ready to go out and kill someone."

That need for the next fix, combined with the fact that when users come down from the high they may experience out-of-control rages (known as a "tweaking") before they crash, can make for a violent outcome.

The quiet trade that once lurked in back alleys was pulled into the public eye in February 2005, when 25-year-old meth addict Jesse Catellier was gunned down and murdered in Red Deer.

Earlier this month, 21-year-old Ryan Kristopher Burns was sentenced in Red Deer to life imprisonment for the second-degree murder.

Shortly after the murder Catellier's mother, Ingrid Braak, said the meth itself was a killer.

"The thing he used to say, and it made him so sad, was that meth steals your soul, and you can't get it back," she said of her son's addiction.

Spurred in part by this horrific event, the provincial government set up a Crystal Meth task force earlier this year to combat the problem.

Today marks the end of information gathering sessions that were conducted in communities across the province, and now project leaders will work on turning that input into a productive solution so people like Marie can have some hope.

In her young lifetime Marie had already racked up more than 50 Criminal Code and drug convictions, including a counterfeit charge that forced police to take her away in handcuffs in front of her then 4-year-old son.

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With files from Johnnie Bachusky



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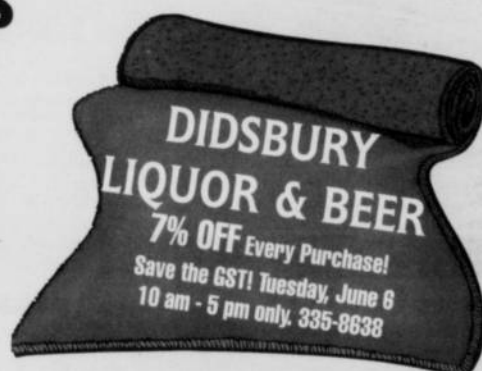
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Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

**Time Out**  
Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Knox United Church, Mondays 10:11-30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-4270

**King Hiram Lodge #21**  
Has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

**St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S.**  
Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Marg Stecker at 335-4281

**Didsbury Senior Support Services**  
Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

**Sons Of Norway**  
Meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

**Learning Disabilities**  
Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

**Didsbury Preschool**  
Is now accepting registrations for September 2006. This

non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039.

**Didsbury Museum**  
Hours: Tues. Wed. 12:30 - 4:30. Saturday and other times by appointment. Please call Joan Court 335-6644

**Didsbury Dial-A-Bus**  
Scheduled transportation for anyone on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

**Mountain View La Leche League**  
A group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month 10 a.m. Olds School Hall. Phone 556-3807 for information.

**Didsbury Mental Health Clinic**  
Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:00.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall. Didsbury: 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

**Didsbury Five-0 Singers**  
50 years of age or over? You are invited to join Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. at the Didsbury 5-0 Club 2500-15 Ave.

**Ag Info Centre**  
Your direct link to Alberta Agriculture's people, services, and professional production information. 1-866-882-7677.

**Didsbury Elks Lodge**  
Supper Meeting - 2nd Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 4th Thursdays. Call 335-4676 for info.

**Canadian Weight awareness - CHAMPS Club Inc.**  
A Non-profit weight loss support organization which meets weekly. We are open to men and ladies who share a common concern of managing their weight sensibly. For more information call 1-866-444-7682.

**Wado Kai Karate**  
Adults and children on Tuesdays in Didsbury. Wednesday in Olds. For more information call Rathe (403) 559-7284.

**Hall Rental**  
To Rent Rosebud Hall, please call 335-1969.  
5-0 Club Hall Rentals. For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Bea Niedersteiner 335-3058.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Hall Rental

To Rent St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall, contact Myrna Watt 335-3745.

### Hall Rental

To Rent the Lone Pine Hall, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 335-4190.

### Hall Rental

To Rent Mountain View Community Hall for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 335-8860.

### Blitz For Blankets

We are collecting gently used blankets for the homeless? Mustard Seed. You can drop them off at Didsbury Market Place.

### Hall Rental

The Fallen Timber Community Hall offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for more info at 637-2270.

### Didsbury Lifeline

Emergency Response System Shirley 335-3787, Don 335-4676.

### Midway ECS

Is accepting registrations for the 2006/2007 school year on May 15, 7-8pm at the Midway School. Children must be 5 years old as of Dec. 31, 2005. Bring AB, Health Care & Birth Certificate. Questions? Phone Vreni Haeni 335-3028.

**Share a little magic, you can make a difference!** Spend one hour a week with a child at school. Have fun together - play games, shoot some hoops, draw, read or do crafts. Mentoring works! Sign up now for fall. Call Mountain View Mentoring at 586-0110. Volunteers needed in Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds & Sundre. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail.

## OLDS

### W.H.O.A.S.

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 P.M. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

### Mountain View Sheep Producers

Meetings on the first Monday of each month from October to June, at 7:30 p.m. in Olds. Call Sue at 335-9477 for more information.

### Adoption Support Group

Of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

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Great view, peaceful setting  
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### New Listing

**\$80,000**

Mobile home on rented lot  
Great landscaping, 3 bed  
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1 acre Commercial Lot  
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45+ Duplex new the hospital  
Ready November 2006  
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### NEW LISTING

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2 bed plus den  
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### NEW LISTING

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